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FOR NEA/TWINAM) FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (FAHD BIN ABDUL AZIZ) SA US
SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENT AND THE JOINT COMMISSION

REF TOSEC 40281 (STATE 109436)

1. YOU SHOULD INFORM SAUDI EMBASSY THAT YOU HAVE EXPLORED
POSSIBILITY, AS SAG PROPOSED, OF HOLDING JOINT ECONOMIC
COMMISSION MEETING MAY 25 WITH DELEGATIONS CHAIRED BY
CROWN PRINCE FAHD AND VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE. YOU HAVE
LEARNED THAT SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL IS SCHEDULED TO BE
OUT OF COUNTRY DURING PERIOD OF FAHD VISIT. AS U.S.
CO-CHAIRMAN OF JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION, BLUMENTHAL
WOULD OF COURSE NORAMLLY BE EXPECTED TO BE ON HAND DURING
ANY MEETING OF THE COMMISSION. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT YOU
HAVE ASCERTAINED THAT THE VICE PRESIDENTJS PLANS, DURING
THE GENERAL PERIOD OF FAHD'S VISIT, CALL FOR HIM TO BE
AWAY FROM WASHINGTONUNTIL MAY 25 WHEN HE IS PLANNING TO
RETURN IN ORDER TO ATTEND SAUDI RETURN DINNER.
THEREFORE, IT SEEMS IMPRACTICABLE TO PLAN ON HOLDING
COMMISSION MEETING UNDER JOINT CHAIRMANSHIP OF FAHD
AND VICE PRESIDENT.

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WM YOU SHOULD TRY FOR TIME BEING TO FINESSE THE QUESTION
OF OUR REACTION TO SAG CONCEPT OF HAVING FAHD AND THE
VICE PRESIDENT CHAIR THE JOINT COMMISSION, AND LIMIT
YOUR REMARKS AT THIS TIME TO THE RESCHEDULING
DIFFICULTIES AS NOTED ABOVE. IF ALIREZA PRESSES YOU
ON THE CONCEPT, YOU COULD SAY THAT WE HAD BEGUN SOME
PRELIMINARY EXPLORATION, THAT SOME QUESTIONS HAD

ARISEN AND THAT THESE COULD BE DISCUSSED WHEN FAHD IS
IN WASHINGTON IF SAG SO DESIRES.
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